

## FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, January 24, 1991. The meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. with Lee Sim conducting. Those in attendance were:

Bobby Edwards	River Commissioner
John D. Jackson	Caineville Canal Co.
Cathy Bagley	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Pete Johnson	Hanksville Irr. Co.
Alvin Robison	Hanksville Irr. Co.
Lee Sim	Div. of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush	Div. of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Div. of Water Rights
Terry Monroe	Div. of Water Rights

Lee Sim brought the meeting to order. Kirk Forbush read the minutes of the 1990 water users meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Cathy Bagley and seconded by John Jackson. Motion carried.

Lee Sim then read the financial report, budget expenditures, and delinquent water assessments for 1990. John Jackson inquired how the \$300.00 budgeted for contractual services was used. The commissioner stated that these monies were expended for the additional work needed done by him during the busy months at the height of the irrigation season. Motion was then made to approve the financial statement of 1990 by Bobby Edwards. Seconded by Cathy Bagley. Motion carried.

The River Commissioner then gave his report on the activities on the River for 1990. Mr. Edwards expressed his appreciation for the help from Ken Leavitt who was a lot of help to him in managing the water going to the Hanksville users, the water being in short supply. Stream flow this past year appeared to be about the same as last year.

Alvin Robison stated that the Commissioner had done a very good job this past year. Motion was made to accept the Commissioner's report by John Jackson and seconded by Alvin Robison. Motion carried.

Mr. Lee Sim then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. He stated that although the Commissioner is on the retirement system now, under new regulations, he needs to be making \$6,000.00/year to qualify for the State's retirement system. Options to this are to take the retirement money as a salary increase or to open a 401K individual retirement account. Mr. Edwards requested an individual 401K be set up for him. Bonding expense for 1991 has been increased to \$100.00 from \$50.00.

John Jackson then questioned as to how the commissioner's duties were defined and how the travel expense incurred for 1990 had been used. Mr. Edwards responded that because of wide fluctuations in the river flows this last year and concerns of the water users, he was making weekly trips up and down the river system and this is why the additional \$300.00 for contractual services was needed. He said it takes 24 to 36 hours for a change in flow in the upper stretch of the river to be noticed by the Hanksville users on the lower end of the river.

Mr. Edwards stated that regulation of water begins June 1st through September 30th after which the water in the river is gone. Alvin Robison mentioned there will be extra time and travel needed to regulate the River between the valley and Hanksville users. Bobby stated that because this system is a basically spring fed system with no storage, the same shortages would occur this year as did in 1990.

Mr. Lee Sim then read the financial statement for 1990. The budget was set at \$4,500.00. A motion was made by Cathy Bagley, seconded by John Jackson. Motion carried.

Mr. Sim then called for a recommendation for river commissioner. John Jackson recommended that Bobby Edwards be reappointed. Seconded by Alvin Robison. Motion carried.

Pete Jackson then questioned whether a deputy commissioner would be feasible for regulation of water to the Hanksville and Caineville users in terms of saving time and money. Mr. Sim questioned as to whether this would really save any money. Mr. Edwards stated there are diversions between the valley users and Hanksville and the Sandy Ranch and Notom diversions still have to be regulated. A person would still be needed to make trips down the river system and he thinks an additional person on the river is not really needed. Mr. Edwards stated when the river flows drop below the "B" water rights, users at Torrey are instructed that the river flow is then to go down to the Hanksville and Caineville users. The complaint of the Hanksville users is they feel they are not getting the service they need for the cost of the assessment. Mr. Edwards stated the water is checked periodically by him throughout the system and he has adjusted his schedule to accommodate the users when they take the water. Alvin Robison asked that the proposal for a deputy commissioner for the lower system be thought about during this year and be considered for next year's meeting.

Cathy Bagley mentioned that the dam at Hanksville leaks and needs repair. Mr. Edwards agreed it does leak and he would look into it because once past the dam the water is lost to the system. He did mention that much of the water below the dam is return flow from irrigation and so that portion can't be captured.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 P.M.